

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 4

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 4—Relative to California
Holocaust Memorial Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 4, as introduced, Block. California Holocaust Memorial Week.

This measure would proclaim May 1, through May 8, 2011, as California Holocaust Memorial Week and would urge Californians to observe these days of remembrance for the victims of the Holocaust in an appropriate manner.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The Holocaust was a tragedy of proportions the
2 world had never before witnessed; and

3 WHEREAS, More than 65 years have passed since the tragic
4 events we now call the Holocaust transpired, in which the
5 dictatorship of Nazi Germany murdered six million Jews as part
6 of a systematic program of genocide known as “The Final Solution
7 of the Jewish Question”; and

8 WHEREAS, Jews were the primary victims, but they were not
9 alone. Five million other people were murdered in Nazi
10 concentration camps as part of a carefully orchestrated,

1 state-sponsored program of cultural, social, and political
2 annihilation under the Nazi tyranny; and

3 WHEREAS, We must recognize the heroism of those who
4 provided assistance to the victims of the Nazi regime, including
5 the many soldiers who liberated concentration camps and provided
6 comfort to those suffering; and

7 WHEREAS, We must teach our children, and future generations,
8 that the individual and communal acts of heroism during the
9 Holocaust serve as a powerful example of how our nation and its
10 citizens can, and must, respond to acts of hatred and inhumanity;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, We must always remind ourselves of the horrible
13 events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred,
14 persecution, and tyranny lest these atrocities be repeated; and

15 WHEREAS, We, the people of California, should actively
16 rededicate ourselves to the principles of human rights, individual
17 freedom, and equal protection under the laws of a just and
18 democratic society; and

19 WHEREAS, Each person in California should set aside moments
20 of his or her time every year to give remembrance to those who
21 lost their lives in the Holocaust; and

22 WHEREAS, The United States Holocaust Memorial Council
23 has designated May 1 through May 8, 2011, as the Days of
24 Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust, including the
25 International Day of Remembrance, known as Yom HaShoah, on
26 May 2, 2011; and

27 WHEREAS, According to Elie Wiesel, a Holocaust survivor
28 and nationally recognized scholar, "... a memorial unresponsive
29 to the future would violate the memory of the past"; now, therefore,
30 be it

31 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
32 *thereof concurring*, That May 1 through May 8, 2011, be
33 proclaimed "California Holocaust Memorial Week," and that
34 Californians are urged to observe these days of remembrance for
35 victims of the Holocaust in an appropriate manner; and be it further

36 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit
37 sufficient copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate
38 distribution.

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